

'Shaping lives, building futures to be the best you can be.'

News



Best of luck to Mrs Kaur as she moves to her new school in the Rose Learning Trust this week, we will miss her and wish her well. Welcome back next week to Mrs Hogarty who will be teaching in Year 5.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths ...



I was lucky enough to take a group of children from Year 4, 5 and 6 to Queen Elizabeth High School in Gainsborough for a STEM Fair. What a brilliant time we had! We were guided around different activities and demonstrations by sixth formers from the school. Each time we met up in our groups children were keen to share what they had found out ... how Mobius



Loops work and how they are used in art, symbols and conveyor belts. We observed sound waves using jelly babies and sticks to represent movement, found out how colours are made in pens using chromatography, how the digestive system works, what makes popcorn go POP, how to make cogs go faster, how to split hydrogen and oxygen in water, thermal imaging, rocket launching and code breaking. We even met a Professor! It was a pleasure to take the children with brilliant manners and great enthusiasm to learn more. Mrs Cooke



We have our work published!

Sand House Project

Representatives of Year 6 were invited to Balby Library this week to see our poetry published in the Sand House Anthology of children's work. Our children loved working on the project and should feel very proud of their writing. The book looks amazing with work from three primary schools supported by Doncaster Culture and Leisure Trust.



We met Henry Senior who went back in time to tell us about the history of the Sand House. Children asked questions and read out their work to an audience. What an achievement!



A poem from the Sand House Anthology

Down under Doncaster,
A dwelling lies untouched and undiscovered,
The magnificent Sand House.
Led by pure imagination.
Carved by a living embodiment of determination.
Beneath the ground awaits extra ordinary catacombs
We present a mystery of time.



By Lewis and Mohammed
Balby Central Primary Academy

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Ready

Be ready for school, be on time and dressed appropriately with the items you need for the day.

Respectful

Listen to others, use appropriate language, look after the building and objects within. Keep hands and feet to yourself.

Safe

Follow the rules for health and safety for yourself and others. Be in the right place at the right time.



Come and join us for a coffee, pastry and to learn about childhood experiences and how we can support children on Thursday 23rd March at 09:00. We are lucky to have Fiona and Elaine lead this session, come and meet the team and find out more.

Attendance

Whole school— 88.8%

Let's aim for over 90% next week!

Highest House— Tornado Red with 90.2%

Running from the **17th March—2nd April**, Doncaster Council is encouraging residents to take part in **more than one hundred litter pick events** across the borough as part of a nationwide initiative! Can you help? Get in touch through social media via Doncaster Council and share with us your photos, videos and posts to help raise the event and use the following hashtag: **#GBSpringClean** **Our challenge**—could you join us to help clean up around school.... The Stronger Families Team will be in school on **Thursday 23rd March from 1.30pm for a litter pick—Can you come and help?**

Be a Good Neighbour

There are many people in our community who might need information, help or just a chat. We're **urging residents to check in friends, family and neighbours**, you never know who might need it.

- Say 'hello' and ask if they need any help
- Share information
- Help with shopping
- Offer a friendly ear to listen
- **Know the signs & be vigilant**

Visit your local Family Hub!

Balby Family Hub

1 Sandycroft Crescent

Balby

Doncaster

DN4 0TY

Opening Times:

Monday- Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Saturday - Sunday: **Closed**

Contact Number: 01302 736880

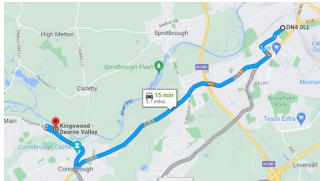
Facebook: [Balby Family Hub](#)

Email: CentralLocalityFamilyHubs@doncaster.gov.uk



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Year 4 Adventures ... Where have they been this week?



15 minutes away from school and a world of adventure waited for the children at Kingswood Outdoor Education Centre Dearne Valley. Our first residential experience for this academic year and what fun they have had!



Learning was all about building resilience, determination and confidence to achieve challenges.

A **huge** thank you to Mrs Hemmingway, Miss Wales, Mrs Wiltshire, Miss Parker, Miss Crowther-Edwards and Miss Finney who took the children on their adventures.



A quote from a child ... 'this has been the best day ever, I have loved it!'



We need your help

We believe it is really important to give our children residential experiences and opportunities.

Year 3 Forest School Evening

Year 4 Kingswood outdoor adventure experience (2 Days)

Year 5 Keswick Lake District (3 Days)

Year 6 London Experience (3 Days)

Could you donate any items to our new **Residential Swap Shop for families**? We would keep these in school and offer children for residential experiences to access these to help with costs. We need:-

- ◆ Waterproof coats
- ◆ Trainers in good condition
- ◆ Walking shoes / boots / wellingtons in good condition
- ◆ Small pull along suitcases



Please let any staff on the gate or the school office know if you are able to donate any items. Thank you.

Safeguarding—heating in the home

Pre-payment Meters For those on some pre-payment energy meters, the government energy support grant is **NOT automatically applied**. If this is the case, you will receive redeemable vouchers, sent by SMS text, email or post. Remember these vouchers **must** be redeemed within three months of being sent. Please make sure you redeem the financial support you are entitled to. Visit the [government website](#) for more information.

School Reports

At the end of last half term you received a report for your child on their progress and learning in the classroom. Please talk to your child about their progress against the targets set for the rest of the academic year.